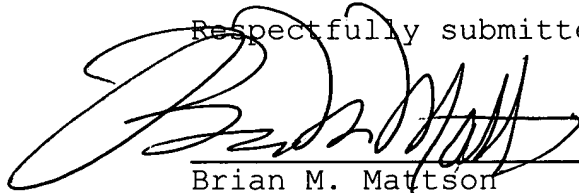


REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicant amended Claims 1, 4, 7, 14 and 16 and added Claims 21-46. Applicant requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the application. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$410.00 for the fee associated with filing of additional Claims 21-46. If any additional fees are due or owing, Applicant authorizes the Patent Office to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 50-0595.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in allowable form. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

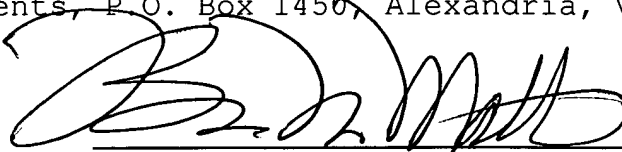


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